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MND  
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**Richmond Elementary School Replacement - Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)**

Dear Ms. Smith:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 appreciates the opportunity to comment on the proposed Richmond School. We have had previous interaction with the School District and consultant, much of which is reflected in the MND documents. We offer the following:

- As acknowledged in the MND, transportation improvements within State Route 178 right-of-way will be constructed to Caltrans Standards under the encroachment process. The permit application may be found at:  
<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/traffic-operations/ep/applications>

For design and permit details, you may contact Stephen Winzenread, District 9 Permits Engineer, at (760) 874-8348 or [stephen.winzenread@dot.ca.gov](mailto:stephen.winzenread@dot.ca.gov).

- Since the Richmond School construction is slated to start this summer there would be no conflict with the Caltrans SR 178 project construction, which is not anticipated until 2028.

We value a cooperative working relationship with Sierra Sands Unified Scholl District regarding multimodal features for the transportation system. For any questions, feel free to contact me at (760) 874-8330 or at [gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov](mailto:gayle.rosander@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gayle J. Rosander".

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